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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON ALLEGED ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN
AGREEMENT ON LIMITED FORCES ZONES

1. JULY 30 JERUSALEM POST CARRIES STORY BY
WOLF BLITZER QUOTING "INFORMED SOURCES" IN
WASHINGTON AS HAVING SAID THAT ISRAEL HAD
AGREED TO INCLUDE ITS AIRBASE AT REFIDIM
(BIR GIFGAFA) WITHIN "SECONDARY LIMITED FORCES"
ZONE IN SECOND STAGE ACCORD WITH EGYPT.
BLITZER SAYS THAT BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE
AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT NEXT INTERIM AGREEMENT
SHOULD INCLUDE TWO SEPARATE AND PARALLEL LIMITED
FORCES ZONES-- PRIMARY ONE, WITH A SMALL
NUMBER OF TROOPS, AND SECONDARY ONE, WHERE A
LARGER NUMBER OF TROOPS AND ARMS WOULD BE
ALLOWED. IN ADDITION, AGREEMENT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE
FOR DEMILITARIZED AREA WHERE NEITHER SIDE WOULD BE
PERMITTED TO MAINTAIN FORCES. GOI HAD REPORTEDLY
REJECTED EGYPTIAN DEMAND THAT AIRBASE BE INCLUDED IN
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PRIMARY ZONE.

2. ACCORDING TO BLITZER IT IS UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON
THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT EXPECT TO HEAR EGYPT'S REPLY TO
ITS LATEST REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATIONS UNTIL SECRETARY
RETURNS TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY AUGUST AND MEETS
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